(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing quota is considered to be adequate.

Nutritive diet under ICDS

2690. SHRI C.RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Corn Soya Blend (CSB), which is a high nutritive diet for children, being supplied under ICDS scheme has recently been discontinued;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decision is being reviewed; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) set up by the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the provisions of "Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of hazardous micro-organisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells, 1989" under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in its 33rd meeting held on 5.7.2002, decided not to accord clearance for import of Corn Soya Blend (CSB), as there was no certification from the US regulatory agency to the effect that the CSB shipment does not contain any banned or obsolete variety of transgenic corn.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.